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*New York State Library Bulletin 76, Legislation 7: Digest of Governors' Messages, 1902.* Edited by ROBERT H. WHITTEN. Albany, University of the State of New York, 1902, pp. (253-409) 156.

THE New York State Library has added to its valuable series of publications regarding legislation a digest of governors' messages. The constitutions of most of the states require the executive to give information of the condition of the state and to recommend such measures as he shall deem expedient. There is, however, no constitution which gives power to the governor to bring his recommendations before the legislature in the form of bills, or which requires the legislature to take his suggestions into consideration. It would be interesting to have data showing how much of the executive advice was acted upon, or how much of the annual legislation is foreshadowed in the messages. It cannot be said that these executive documents constitute legislative programs as a speech from the throne in England does. Still they are interesting as indices of the movement of legislative ideas, and, considering that these recommendations are made without definite responsibility, they cannot be described as otherwise than timely, moderate and practical. This being an even year, less than one-half of the legislatures met, most of them in Eastern and Southern states. The sessions following soon after President McKinley's assassination, it is interesting to note that only three messages suggest legislation to deal with anarchistic movements, two of them (New York and New Jersey) in extremely moderate form, while the presidential message is distinguished by a much more radical tone. It is noteworthy that the legislative bodies refused to act on these suggestions. The topic to which the largest amount of space is allotted in the digest is State Finance. It does not appear that any of the messages contained propositions of a novel or unusual character.

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*The Social Unrest: Studies in Labor and Socialist Movements.* By JOHN GRAHAM BROOKS, New York: The Macmillan Co., 1903.

THESE studies in labor and socialist movements appear to have been written directly out of the author's pocket notebook, his journal of social wit and wisdom gathered from the uttermost parts of the industrial world—dates and names have been erased—wherein those things which the "wise man does not say in public," over his own